

was a Scotch—the language sacred to his soul—but I have a bit of my mind. What I told him was indeed for my compliment. It lost in effect somewhat, I dare say, from the fact that he didn't understand a word I said. However, I went over the sides well plied with myself, and was rowed back to my ship.

We had to hope against hope now, the first day for the ship. Joy came, however, when this was it was authorized. For one evening—it evening it could be called in regions where the time being—"Day never closed his eye"—ships, or the opposite, could be discovered in through the ice, evidently scaling. They were just as evidently "busted," but the ice, which was all solid at present, would doubtless open in a few days and let us in. So we had to face a long and arduous trial.

Next day was the first of May, and this with Scotch scalars is a holiday. When I went on deck, after breakfast, I found the ship admirably adorned with flags and a huge garland of ribbons fluttering in the rigging. There is a bit of romance about that garland, which it is, or was, the custom to hold on May morning. For the day is the day of St. George, the dragon-slayer, and he has a hundred of beautiful ribbons and it is with these that the garland is bound so handsomely. There was nothing done to day. It would have been considered unkind even to shoot a bird. But the man forword had an excellent extra good dinner. The main brace was spliced after this, and once again in the evening.

In the evening the Vulcan was hauled and hoisted, and with his wife, came on board. He put a great many questions to the captain and mate. The last was—

"Have you any of my boy's here?"

That must anyone who had never crossed the Arctic circle before. I trembled, but Neptune's barber told me I could get off by presenting the best specimens of myself. I did not do so, as it is not fitting, however, to be unadorned and two other ladies. Well, it is bad enough to be shaved and dressed while crossing the line, but it is infinitely worse up here with the temperature well down below zero. However, I must say the boys were none the worse not day. The evening was spent in mirth and jollity, but there was no actual drinking.

Solomon or somebody make the following remark:—"And when they had eaten and drunk until they were filled they rose up to dance." Our crew wisely reversed this order of things. They did all the dancing first. And how wildly they "bounced," how madly they "swayed," like—

Worshipped and wished in a dance,
One fallen star, one bright one, indeed,
Life and death in their host."

And when the ship's fiddler and I assumed that we were too tired to play another tune, they settled quickly down to a splendid supper of sashimi. Then pipes were lit, and they swapped yarns together and talked of their wives and sweethearts till long past the moon of night.

Next day all was bustle and stir, for a breeze had sprung up from the south, and, however, the sea was calm.

* Splicing the main braces means saying on gong. (To be continued.)

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Chuan-shan*, from Swatow, 20th Oct., experienced a violent wind and general confusion, and was driven to Shantung, 19th October, and N.E. winds and fine weather throughout.

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